

REMARKS

The applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesies rendered to the applicant's representative during the telephonic interview of January 14, 2005. During this interview, the applicant's representative discussed with the Examiner and his supervisory examiner the rejections under 35 USC 102(b) under Kawahara and the rejection under 35 USC 103(a) in view of Kawahara and Herst et al.

In view of the interview and in view of the Official Action dated January 4, 2005, the applicant amends claims 1 and 9 to recite patterned surfaces of the claimed luminaire as being impervious to light. Claims 19 and 20 are added to the application. Claim 19 asserts the recitation of patterned luminaire surfaces that are opaque. The claims now asserted are believed to patentably distinguish over Kawahara and Herst et al.

In particular, Kawahara discloses a lamp having a sheet of material located in proximity thereto with apertures formed in the sheet so that a pattern corresponding to the shape of the apertures is projected onto a nearby wall or the like. As such, Kawahara provides an image projector essentially similar to a projector of light through a film such as occurs in the projection of a "movie" onto a screen in a theater. Kawahara does not pattern surfaces of a luminaire so that the luminaire surfaces per se are evocative of a person, place or thing. Accordingly, claims 1 through 20 pending in this application are believed allowable over the prior art. Herst et al do not disclose anything more than a luminaire having fluorescent lamps. No pattern is formed on the surfaces of the Herst et al luminaire.

Claims 1 through 20 are believed allowable over the prior art including the patents cited and applied in the Official Action of January 4, 2005. Favorable consideration of the claims as herein asserted is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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